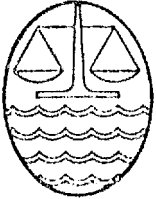




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### Article 6

1. Replace paragraph 2 by the following text:

2(a) States and appropriate international organizations conducting marine scientific research in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 above shall take into account the interests and rights of the land-locked and other geographically disadvantaged States of the region, neighbouring to the research area, as provided for in this Convention, and shall notify these States of the proposed research project, as well as provide, at their request, relevant information and assistance as specified in paragraphs 1(b), (c) and (f) above.

(b) Such neighbouring land-locked and other geographically disadvantaged States shall, at their request, be given the opportunity to participate, whenever feasible, in the proposed research project through qualified experts to be appointed by them.

2. Replace paragraph 5 by the following text:

5(a) If the coastal State has reasonable grounds to believe that the proposed research project is not in conformity with the provisions of this article or that the research State or organization has failed to fulfil prior obligations under this article with respect to the coastal State, it may inform the research State or organization accordingly. Such information shall be communicated to the research State or organization at the earliest possible time, but in any event within ... days after receipt of the notification.

\* The Delegation of the Netherlands, being Chairman of the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research of the Group of Land-locked and other Geographically Disadvantaged States, has been requested by the Group to submit this document on its behalf.

(b) Unless the parties otherwise agree each party shall, within ... days after the information has been communicated, choose an expert from the members of a fully representative list of qualified experts in all fields of marine scientific research, established, after consultations with the executive heads of other appropriate international organizations, by the Director-General of UNESCO who shall appoint a third expert from the members of that list.

(c) The experts shall assist the parties to reach agreement. If no agreement is reached, the experts shall, within ... days of their appointment, either collectively or individually, give their opinion to the parties concerned.

3. Add the following new paragraph 6:

6. If the parties have not reached agreement through the aforementioned procedure, the dispute shall, at the request of either party, be settled in accordance with the dispute settlement procedures set out in Chapter ... of this Convention.

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